

For unto us a child is born!



First United Methodist Church

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Order of Worship

Christmas Day

December 25, 2022

The liturgical color is white, receiving the gift of God in His Son.

*Our Mission: Follow Jesus and Share Him with Others!
Gather—Grow—Give—Go!*

Prelude “Hark the Herald Angels Sing!” arr. David Cherwien
*The Prelude is a pathway into the presence of God.
Let the worshipers remain silent and contemplative.*

Welcome & Passing of the Peace Rev. Joel McMakin

* **Chiming of the Hour**

* **Opening Carol** “O Come All Ye Faithful” UMH #234 v. 1, 2

Opening Prayer Rev. Michelle Louk

The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Gift of the Wreath and Evergreen Rev. McMakin

1 John 4:7-12 and Isaiah 9:6-7

Carol “Joy To The World” UMH #246 v. 1, 4

Lighting the Christ Candle Laura Bowden

Carol “Follow the Light” *see insert*
Ava Hussey, vocal; Grant Nesmith, guitar

Gift of the Candy Cane John 3:16-17 Rev. Louk

Carol “Hark, the Herald Angels Sing” *see insert*
Ava Hussey, vocal; Grant Nesmith, guitar

Gift of the Angel Luke 1:26-38 Rev. Louk

Carol “Angels We Have Heard on High” UMH #238 v. 1, 4

Gift of the Christ Child and Family Rev. McMakin

Luke 2:1-7

Carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem” *see insert*
Ava Hussey, vocal; Grant Nesmith, guitar

Gift of the Star	Matthew 2:1-2, 7-11	Rev. McMakin
Offertory	“Meditation on Basque Noel”	Desmond Ratcliffe
* The Doxology	“We Three Kings”	UMH #254 vs. 1, 5
* Prayer of Thanksgiving		Rev. McMakin
* Closing Carol	“O Come All Ye Faithful”	UMH #234 vs. 6
* Benediction		Rev. McMakin
Postlude	“Fantasia on Adeste Fideles”	Geoffrey Shaw

(*) Please stand as you are able.

We welcome our guests today and pray that you will experience the presence of Christ in our worship together. **Please register your attendance or check-in on the Realm Connect app.**

The Flowers in worship are given for the Glory of God and with wishes to our church family for a Merry Christmas from Donna, Norman, and Reagan McQueen.

New Year’s Sunday worship—10AM—Sanctuary—one service.
SUNDAY SCHOOL! IT’S A NEW YEAR, IT’S A NEW TIME! On January 1st, Sunday School at 9AM is back for all ages. DON’T MISS OUT!

Starting January 8, worship with us at 10AM—either traditional service in the Sanctuary or contemporary service in the Wesley Worship Center. Sunday School classes meet at 9AM.

Virtual worship opportunities may be viewed on Facebook (fumcmb), on the website (fumcmb.org), on the mobile app, or on Sundays at 10AM via WFXB (FOX TV ch 7).



Give electronically with a cell phone. Scan the QR Code with the phone’s camera, tap the link on the screen to open VENMO to give. **venmo**

Adult Bible Studies Daily Bible Readings:

Dec 26 Ephesians 1:3-14	Dec 30 1 John 2:29-3:2
Dec 27 2 Corinthians 6:16-18	Dec 31 Isaiah 63:7-9
Dec 28 Isaiah 64:8-9	Jan 1 Galatians 3:23-4:7
Dec 29 John 1:10-13	

“Children of God through Adoption” — Lesson text: Galatians 3:19-4:7

Serving in Worship

Ushers—Dudley Robinson, Steve Louk, Gene Singleton, Judy Winn, Tom Winn

Acolyte Michael Kelly **Bible Bearer** Drew Kelly **Crucifer** Sully Merchant

Video Jim Lewis **Audio** Scott Bowen

The Steeple Highlights

Mission Impact for December: **Coat Drive** (new coats only, please) for all ages to benefit New Directions Family Shelter and Help4Kids.

Snowbirds & Seagulls—golf, January 3, 2023; meal, January 5, 2023, Wesley Hall.

Big Tom & Friends first Friday **Men's Lunch** Devotion, January 6, 2023, 11:30AM, Magnolia's @ 26th. Devotion by Harry Gardner.

BBQ Dinner/Missions fundraiser, January 8, 2023, take-out only. Tickets are \$10/plate. To purchase tickets, please contact Tara Howser, 843-340-8237 or Janice Myers, 843-455-4373.

Ladies Lunch Devotion, January 11, 2023, 11:30AM, Magnolia's @ 26th.

New Member Classes January 15, 22 and February 5, 12. Email Pastor Michelle for more info, mdlouk@umcsc.org.

Steeple Correction: Poinsettia Honorarium for Darlene Rebeck, given by Martha Wagner.

Pastor Joel challenged us recently to **read the New Testament in a year**. Watch for the reading plan as an insert in **next week's Steeple**. Please tuck the plan inside your Bible, and if you need another copy, you may pick one up at our information tables. Also, feel free to share a copy with others. Let's see how the Holy Spirit moves among us as we read God's Word together!

Big Tom's "A Quote"

"Unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ, the Lord."
~ Luke 2:4



Financials and Attendance

As of 12/18/2022 (includes online giving):

Contributions week of: \$ 56,892
Total Revenue YTD 2022: \$ 1,717,630
Total Expenses YTD 2022: \$ 1,664,673
Difference YTD 2022: \$ 52,957

Expenses include weekly apportionments & direct billing.

Missions Faith Promise: \$ 101,000
Faith Promise Receipts: \$ 125,353

Presence 12/18/2022

◆ Worship: 435
◆ Fox TV (Oct wkly est) 1,680
◆ Worship Facebook/Web: 484
◆ All Social Media: 1,430
◆ Sunday School: 140



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“FOLLOW THE LIGHT”

**And we will follow the Light, we will follow the Light
Seeking the Lamb, our saving love divine**

O star of wonder star of night, star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect Light

**And we will follow the Light, we will follow the Light
Seeking the Lamb, our saving love divine**



**“HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING
KING OF HEAVEN”**

Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinner reconciled
Joyful all ye nations rise, join the triumph of the skies
With angelic hosts proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King.

Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace, hail the Son of righteousness
Light and life to all He brings risen with healing in His wings
Mild he lays His glory by, born that man no more may die
Born to raise the sons of earth, born to give them second birth
Hark the herald angels sing, glory to the newborn King

King of Heaven come down, King of heaven come now
Let your glory reign shining like the day, King of Heaven come

King of heaven come, King of heaven come

King of heaven rise up, who can stand against us?
You are strong to save, in your mighty name,
King of Heaven come

“O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM”

O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth, the everlasting light
The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us we pray
Cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels, the great glad tidings tell
O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Emmanuel.

